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**Abstract**

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A passive safety system for a motor vehicle has a plurality of safety devices (8-11) that are movable by associated drives from a normal state into a crash-induced safety state. The passive safety system also includes a precrash sensor system (1) that can actuate one or more safety devices to a safety intermediate position and then as a function of the subsequent driving situation the respective safety device (8-11) is brought into the safety state and is kept in the safety state or is brought back to the normal state.

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